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SUBJ: LEBOWA HOMELAND ELECTIONS

1. ELECTIONS FOR FIRST LEBOWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY UNDER HOMELAND' S NEW TRANSKEI- TYPE CONSTITUTION WILL BE HELD APRIL 11. THESE ELECTIONS ARE FOR 40 NON- CHIEF MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY. REMAINING 60 MEMBERS, WHO MUST BE CHIEFS, ALREADY APPOINTED.

2. DESPITE REPORTED STRONG, OPEN SAG SUPPORT FOR GROUP WHICH FOLLOWS LEAD OF INCUMBENT CHIEF MINISTER M. S. MATLALA, THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT AN AS YET UNFORMALIZED OPPOSITION GROUP WILL EMERGE IN A POSITION TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ELECTIONS. IT CLAIMS HAVING SUPPORT OF 40 OF 60 APPOINTED CHIEFS WHO ARE ANTI- MATLALA AND ANTI- GOVERNMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN OPPOSITION GROUP, IF IT SUCCEEDS IN FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT, IT WILL FOLLOW LINE OF KWA ZULU CHIEF EXECUTIVE GATSHA BUTHELEZI, STRONGLY OPPOSING GOVERNMENT' S RACIAL POLICIES.

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4. INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED AS MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITIES TO SUCCEED MATLALA, IF IN FACT HE IS DISPLACED, ARE PRESENT EDUCATION MINISTER C. N. PHATUDI, WHO IS REGARDED AS ONLY ONE OF INCUMBENT MINISTERS WHO IS NOT A GOVERNMENT STOOGE, AND U. S. - TRAINED JOHANNESBURG LAWYER COLLINS RAMUSI. DEONTROL FOLLOWING DECEMBER 31, 1973.
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